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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, delete the whole paragraphs starting in line 19 (Beginning "The invention provides ...) and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The invention provides rubber mixtures which are characterized in that they contain organosilanes of the general structure

 $R^1R^2R^3Si-R^4-Z$ (I)

wherein

 R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently of one another are H, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy or halogen and the number of alkyl groups is \ge ; R^4 is a linear or branched (C_1-C_{18}) divalent hydrocarbon group; and Z = H, halogen, SCN, SH or $S_x-R^4-SiR^1R^2R^3$, where x is 2 to 10.

Page 2, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 30 (Beginning, "Preferred organosilanes of the type described ...") and replace it with the following new paragraph: